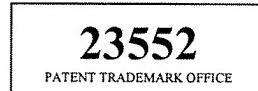


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 16, 2006, said period of response being extended from May 16, 2006 to June 16, 2006.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$120 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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